

HOUSE No. 2632

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, petition of Anne M. Gobi and Shirley Gomes relative to the needle exchange program. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NEEDLE AND SYRINGE SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 94C of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after Section 27(f) the following section:—
- 3 Section 27(g). The Department of Public Health shall promul-
- 4 gate rules and regulations to ensure that all needles and syringes
- 5 distributed or possessed as part of the pilot program approved by
- 6 the department of public health, in accordance with Section 215 of
- 7 Chapter 111, shall be placed and kept in a container which shall
- 8 completely enclose said needles or syringes at all times, except
- 9 when such instrument is in actual use.